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Attention: Agenda Preparation/

FROM:

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RE:

Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda

County Claims Board Recommendation

Renee Galvan, et al. v. Los Angeles County Department of

Public Works, et al.

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 560 897

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation regarding the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary to be made available to the public.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Renee Galvan, et al. v. Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, et al, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 560 897 in the amount of \$350,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Public Works' budget.

This lawsuit seeks compensation for alleged injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving an employee from the Department of Public Works while in the course and scope of his employment.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME

Renee Galvan, et al. v. Los Angeles County

Department of Public Works, et al.

CASE NUMBER

BC 560897

COURT

Los Angeles Superior Court

DATE FILED

October 16, 2014

COUNTY DEPARTMENT

Department of Public Works

PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT

350,000

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

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NATURE OF CASE

This case involves a freeway rear-end collision accident on State Route 91 in Long Beach when a vehicle driven by an employee of the Department of Public Works, collided into the rear-end of the vehicle driven by plaintiff Renee Galvan and in which plaintiffs Sophia Fregoso and Faith M. were passengers. All three plaintiffs claim to have suffered injuries and damages as a result of the accident. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE

\$ 61,839

PAID COSTS, TO DATE

\$ 27,178